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Isaac Goodnow correspondence

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This series of the Isaac Tichenor Goodnow collection includes sent and received correspondence of Isaac T. Goodnow (1814-1894) and also the correspondence of his brother, William E. Goodnow (1807-1876). This correspondence includes early courtship letters between Isaac and his future wife, Ellen Denison, as well as letters between William and his future wife, Harriet Paddleford. There are also several letters written by their brother, Jotham Goodnow. The correspondence is arranged in chronological order. Box 6 includes undated letters arranged by the first letter of the correspondent's last name. Isaac Goodnow moved to Kansas in 1855 and established the town of Manhattan and Bluemont Central College. He died on March 20, 1894.

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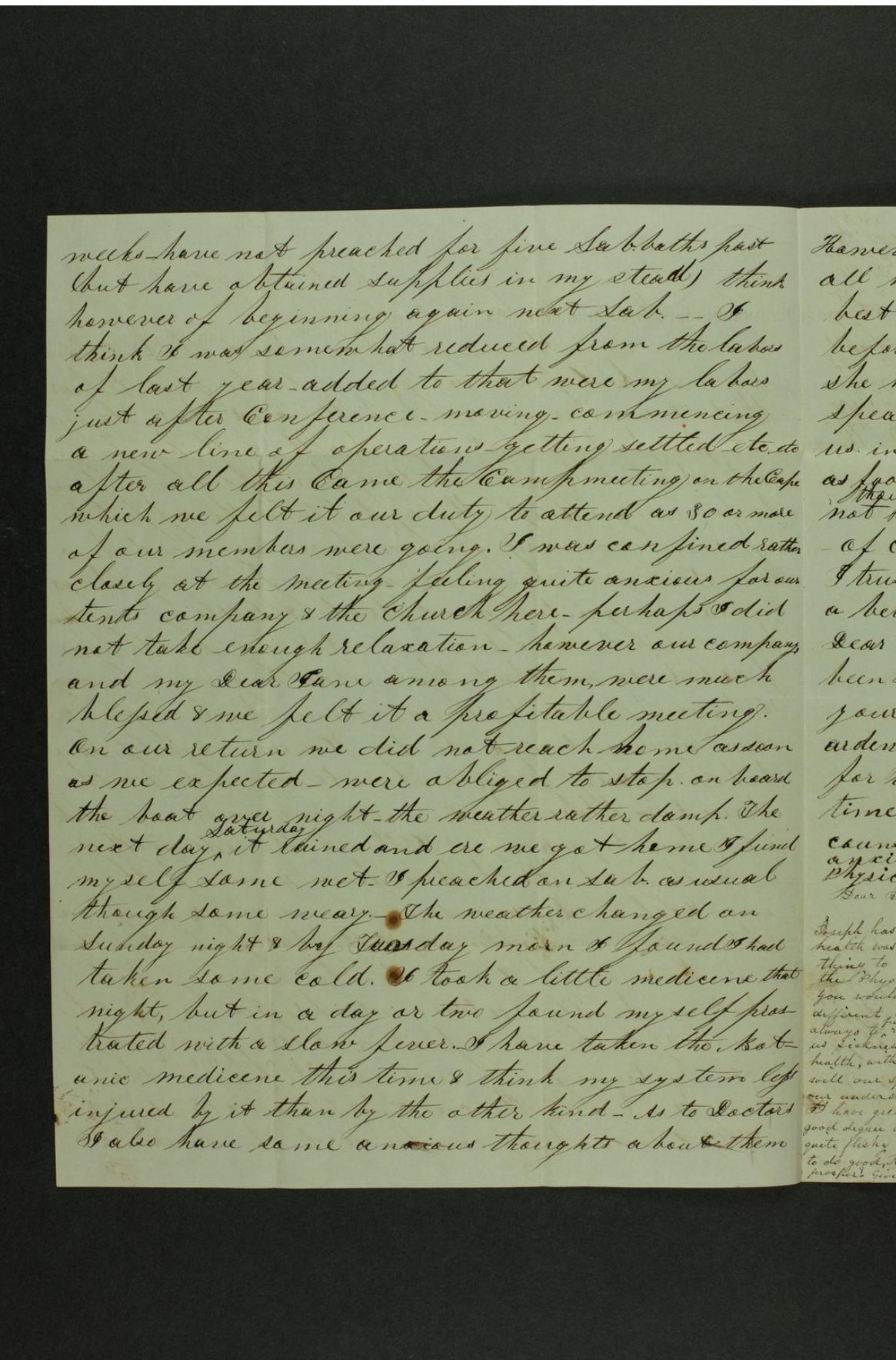
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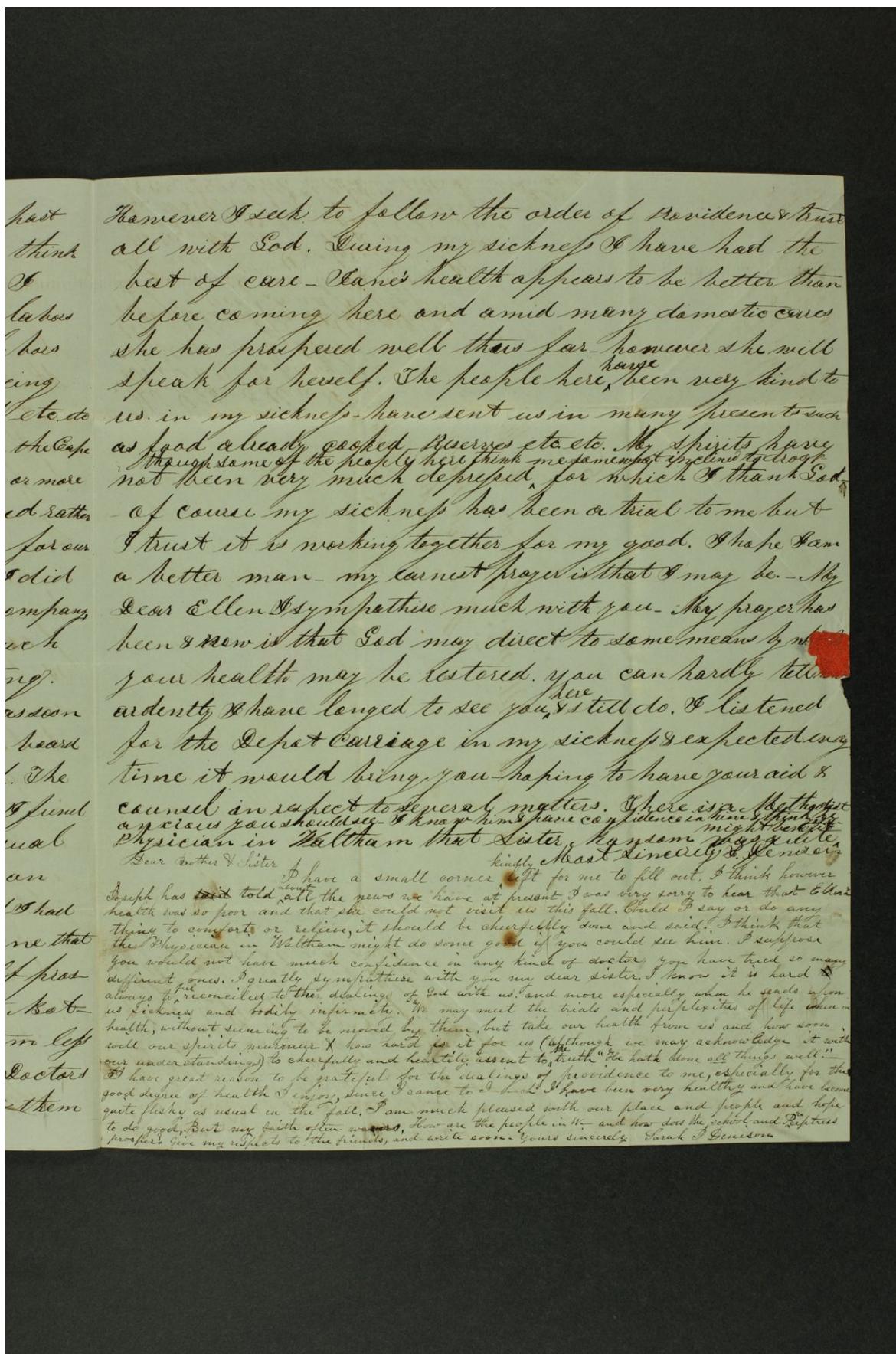


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Mr. & Mrs. you really think I had better buy
Lardner's Lectures? I need to brush up a
little on some portions of Science but
the time - that is the trouble - I have
just finished reading Vaughan &
the Nell's have an abundance of
other reading to attend to. I was
glad to hear of the prosperity
of the school that term - but
Allen's success & especially
of the conversions of such
as he that helped work
will go on.

Please remember me affectionately
to the Allen's wife & children. Say
thank you & all the friends to us
& don't fail to write us
again soon if convenient
time. Yours sincerely

I. G.

Isaac I. Goodnow, A. M.
Waltham
Mass
Graduating
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My Dear Ellen &
I am still hoping you
will come to Ipswich
this fall. The weather will be
as you good and be proprie
to go with you to Waltham &
see our Mr. Doctor Russell
Sister Karen told me he had
cured one or two cases like yours
Mr. Whitman & wife & her Father's family
are the greatest comfort - better than gold

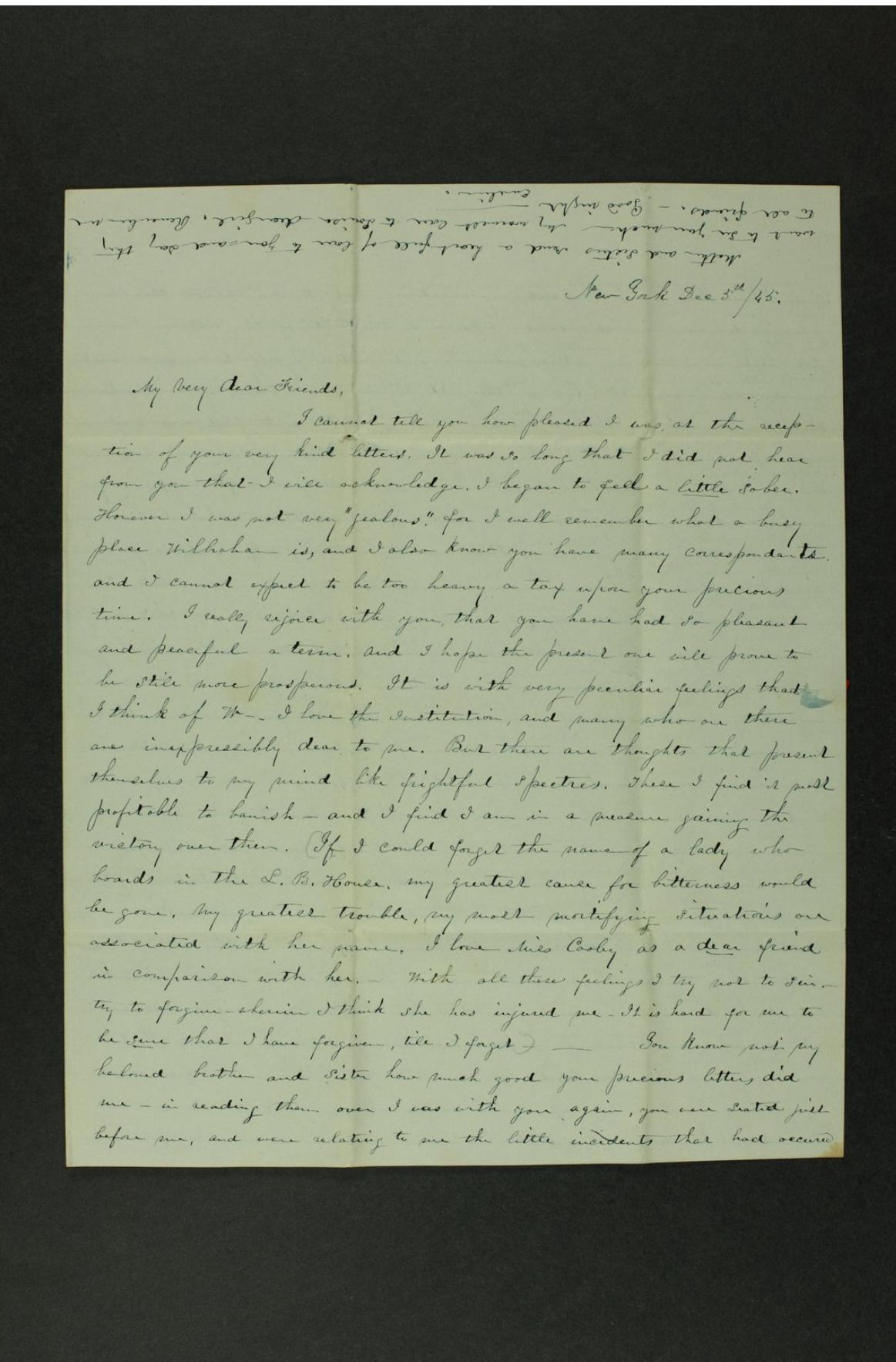
Had better write
again to say a few
things. What
think you?

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Since I have been home to spend my vacation. But too soon alas! this pleasing delusion was dispelled. I came to the end of the letter. I really felt happy as I took my writing materials and seated myself to converse with you for a few minutes; but my thoughts fly so fast, I think of so much that I want to say that I scarcely know what to write first, and I am well afraid I shall come to the end of my sheet, without saying anything. I feel very grateful for the kind inquiries you made after my welfare. And you may know from past experience, that I should be very happy - could I tell you every thing relative to my self and my private affairs. - There is a weight even now oppressing me, that I would be glad to throw off, by making you portakers of it, that is by confiding in you, but perhaps you are aware that there are some things that are unsafe to communicate by writing - Some feelings I mean especially. Mrs S. asked if I thought Rev E. P. "the prettiest man that ever was?" I do not, and he is aware of the fact. I hope his sister will never know as much about his visit to N.Y. as I do, I presume she would think me a foolish girl. However there is no accounting for tastes. Mr B. alluded again to a certain visit I had from Mr B. you need think no more of that. I have put the least expectation of ever seeing him again; if there should however be any new developments, I shall communicate them to you forthwith. — I have written thus much about such matters because some of your remarks seemed to demand it; and could I but see you, I might communicate much more, that you can now know nothing about. That you may not be deceived let me tell you. I still am as free as I was when I left N. — at least as far as any engagement is concerned. I try not to be partial, treat all alike, so as not to get

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into any difficulty. — I presume you know that I am once more engaged in teaching. I have a very interesting class of young ladies and enjoy teaching them much. How often dear Mrs G & I think of you since I have been teaching. I teach some of the branches that you are teaching and often a question suggests itself to my mind, that I would so like to ask you, but say, that dear privilege is denied me. I always felt so free to ask you any thing, as you always seemed to answer so good naturally, as though I was not annoying you, — I do not forget it Mrs G & and I remember it only to feel deeply grateful to you. Indeed I do not know what I should have done, had I not enjoyed yours and Mrs G's sympathy and assistance, I know that it will never be in my power to repay you, for what you have done for me; and for what you have suffered for me, but still I am comforted in knowing that there is One who takes cognizance of all our acts, and who is able and who will reward.

I fear my dear Sister by what you wrote that you have not enjoyed as good health lately as you did when we parted. I need not tell you how deeply I sympathize. I felt as though I could have given a large sum to have been able to run in and tried to comfort you. — But cheer up Sister E — you have still reason to hope — for I consider your case not half so stubborn as that of Sister Susan, and she has of late been greatly benefited. She has been trying Electro-Magnetism — and it has been very much blessed to her recovery. — As to myself I am much better than when I left N. I am not any more fleshy, but I am very much stronger. Do you see what a contented mind will do. How I wish dear Mrs G we could have you with us a little while in N York I really have faith to believe, we could benefit you. O how hard we would try — to every thing for you, that could be done by human

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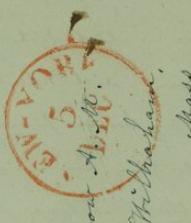


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being. — Before I send your letter I had heard of Miss Hitchcock's death. — Although she was so feeble when I left N. Y. I did not think she was so near to bid adieu to this world. I hope to improve upon this Providence. —

I think I have written you rather a hasty letter
you will excuse my thoughts have grown so fast that I have not tried
to place them in any kind of order but penned them down in
delightful disorder.



I. J. Goodnow, A.M.
W. H. Channing,
Mass.

I am to send you my brother's sick!
Their vicar, Franklin Pierce,

Are you making all your calculations to visit us next annual
vacation? How glad do, if you can come before; Mrs G — has never
been in N. Y. — and I can assure you, I would be superlatively happy
to entertain you. Mr G — I will promise, to walk with you 10 miles
every day — and Mrs G — shall be entertained — as well as Master Letts
and myself — are capable of doing. — I am making every calculation to
see you, "Pray, be nothing but death or sickness prevent — I am not
looking forward to seeing any better, as the South with more interest than

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Middleton, Dec. 15, 1843.

Mr. Goodnow,

By a line from Thomas, Conforterait & Co. recd Saturday evening I learn that 50 copies of the Philosophy were forwarded to you the 29th of last month, and I trust they have been received though I presume too late for you in the present time. I ordered them to be sent only in condition they should be ready to be forwarded from Philadelphia by the 23d of Nov. so that I am under no obligation to take them, but if you think favorably of the work and are disposed to make trial of it I will send return them. I have ready received a copy and do not hear how it looks. It is my intention soon to add an appendix containing practical examples for solution by the student similar to those in Chrested's work, but I do not know how soon I can do it.

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I have not been informed where the estate
will be, but you may dispose of them if
opportunity occurs at 6% interest.

It rejoices us to hear of the continued pros-
perity of "Wilberton Academy"; no doubt with
the present able faculty there will be a still
further advance.

regards to your body and to your col-
leagues and their families.

We shall be greatly pleased to see you
here at any time. I am making preparation
to try my skill in the manufacture of
potash of potash the present vacation.
I have just had a furnace and other fixtures
constructed for the purpose, and hope soon to
be ready to try such the experiment. What
the result will be time only can show.

Very respectfully

Yours —
John Doherty

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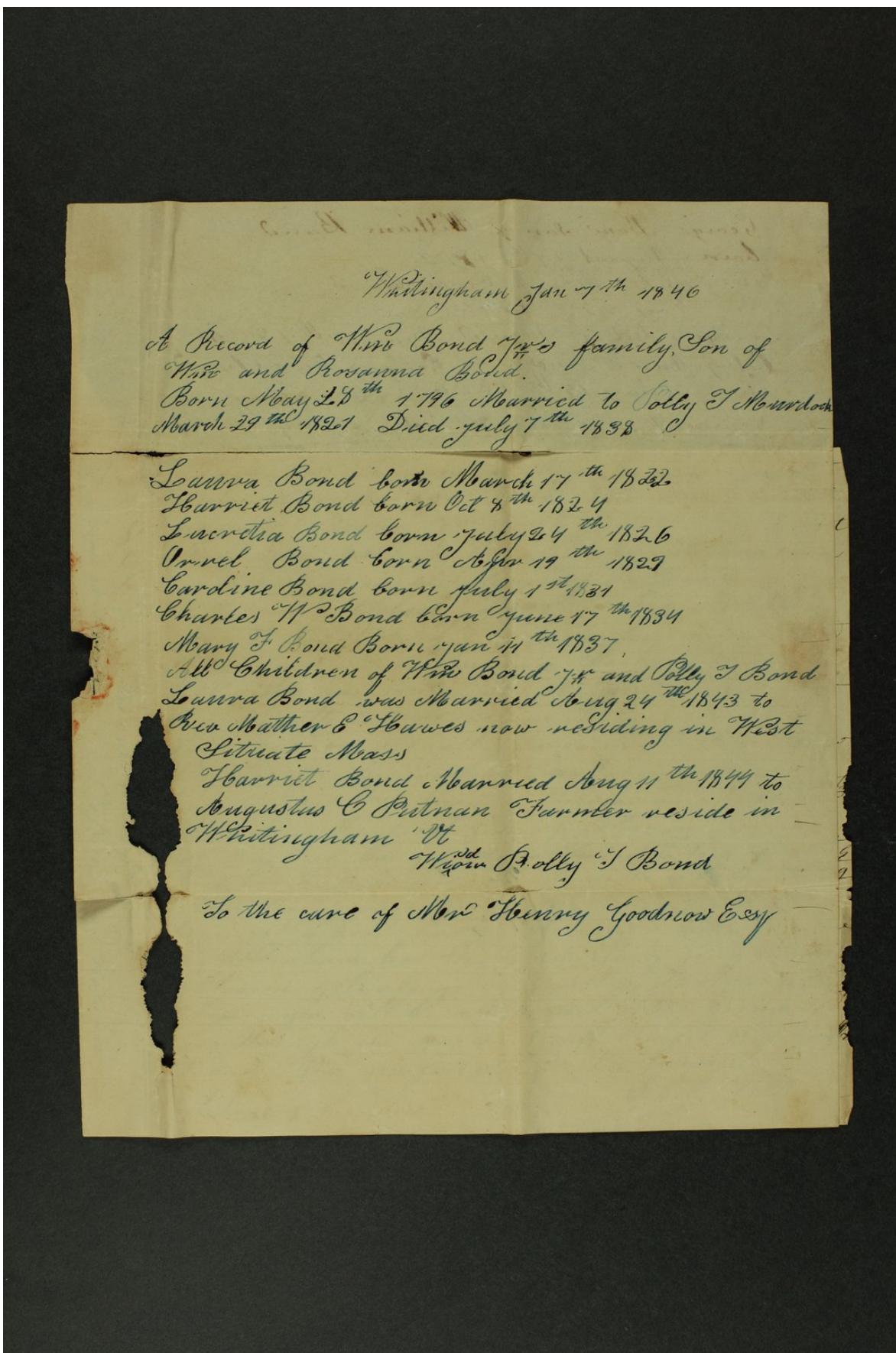


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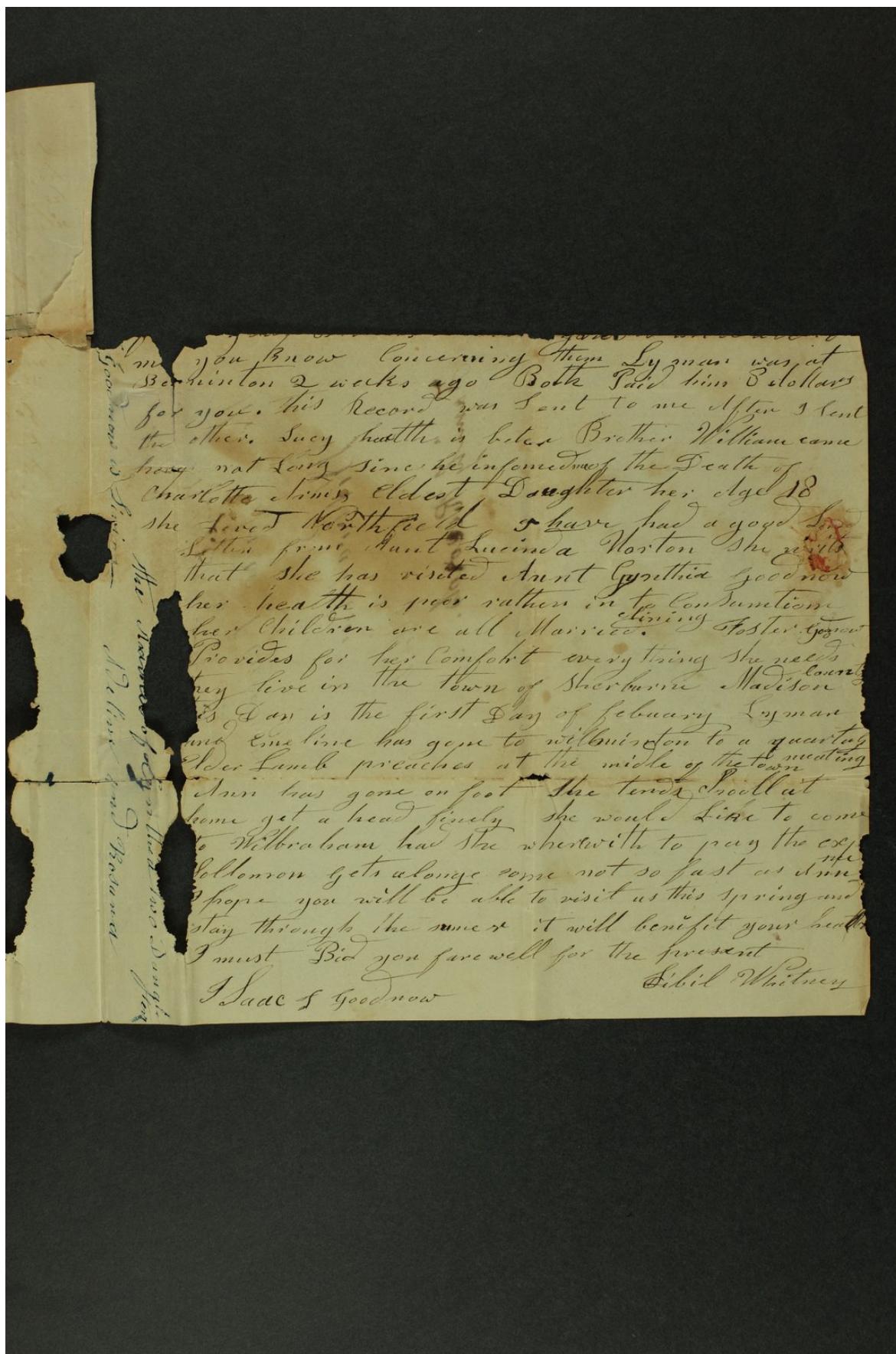
George Bond Son of William Bond -
born August 19th 1800
Betsey Parker Wife of George Bond
born May 23rd 1808
George & Betsey Married May 30th 1825
Betsey Ann Daughter of George & Betsey Bond
born May 15th 1806
Mr George Bond died February 29th 1827

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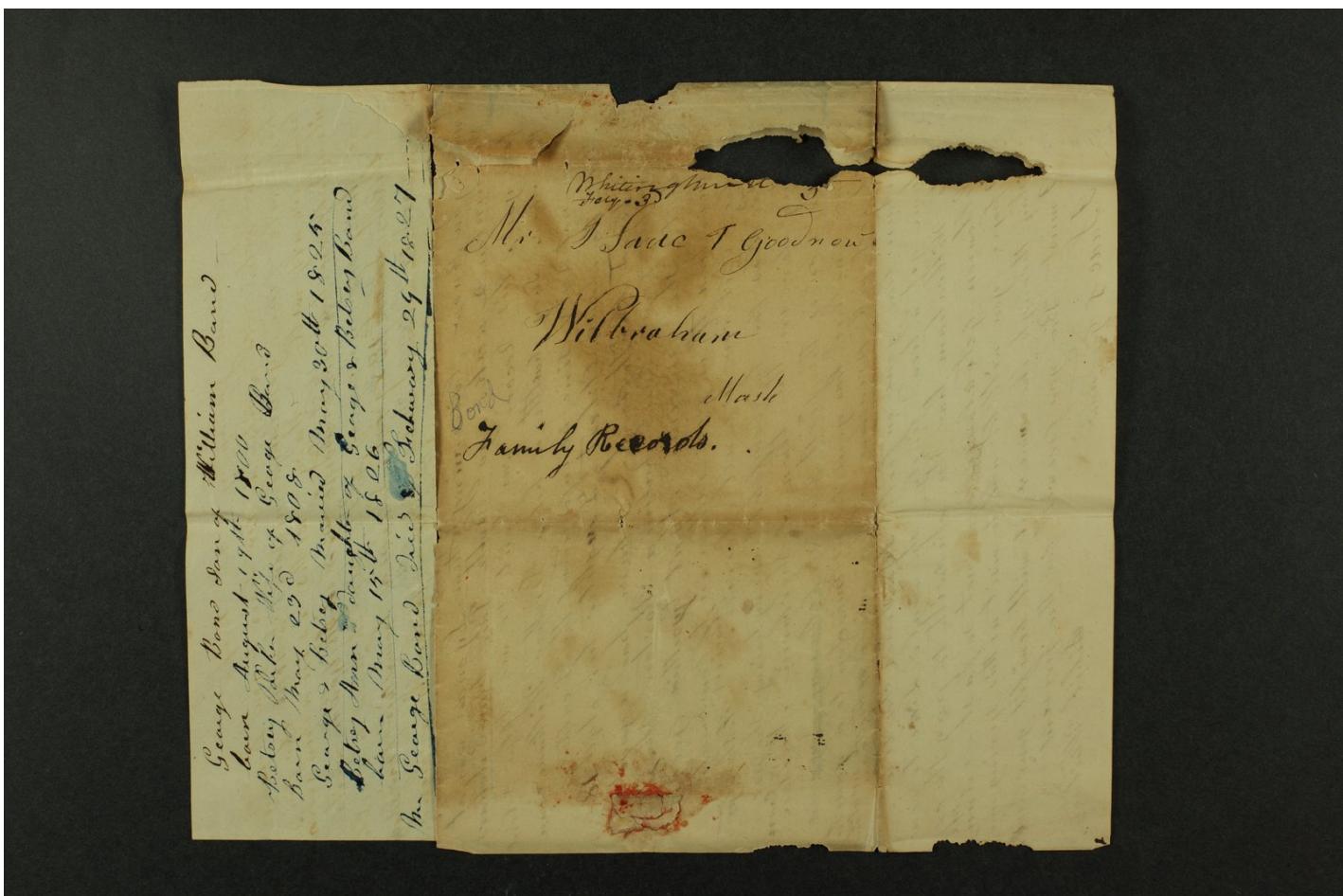


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Yankee, N.Y. Oct. 30 1846-

My dear Webster I received your letter last Tuesday, and was very glad to hear from you and all the other matters & things - I had a very good visit with Mother & family, & Cousin - I found Mother in pretty good health, but last week she got a full dozen stains & hurt her quite bad, but she has got about so that she rode with me & made Cousin Harriet have a visit on Tuesday last - Last Wednesday P.M. left Mother's for Elizurth Adams with Cousin Walter Goodnow & went by way of the old Eddy & Whitney stand on the mountain, which look very old & forsaken - North Adams is a flourishing village & contains some dozen factories, 4 churches, 2 taverns, & a number of stores, &c - I staid with Walter till yesterday morning & left there at 8 for Troy $\frac{4}{5}$ miles, which was travelled for 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents, very cheap fare indeed the being an opposition line of stages - I took the steam boat Empire at Troy for New York city, leaving Troy at 5 P.M. & arriving at New York this morning at 3 o'clock going 160 miles by water in 10 hours - This boat is 330 feet long, & finished in the most superb style; you cannot imagine the grandeur of the ladies & gentlemen's cabin & state rooms - The Scenery on North River is romantic & beautiful - I cannot describe the same now - hope you will be favored with a view of it some time - I called at Mr. Phelps' boarding house, but he was abed, & I did not see him - I left a letter for him, & come here this morn. in the Cars. I did not rest much last night, & feel poorly - however, till now for a

P.S. I have paid the passage of Boston.

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Mr. Penly don't take the time to send it to Mr. Elmyng, with
me at all send -

week I have felt very well - I have gained 5 lbs.
since leaving home - I have engaged to commence work
in the printing business here next Monday - if I
suit & like I have good encouragement for steady employ-
ment as printer or clerk in Mrs. Speltz's store, & hand-
some wages. One year last June this place, says Mrs. Speltz,
was a wilderness, almost - 2 or 3 old buildings - Now, there is 12
new houses from $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 stories, one stone, & large printing & book
binding establishment, & other buildings - & another season, there
will probably be a meeting house, school house, &c. - The buildings
are arranged in systematical order among ~~#~~ beautiful trees of
various kinds - There are abundance of Walnuts, chestnuts, hickory
nuts, & other fruit trees here. There are 3 black Walnut trees
near Symons house that have now on them nearly ten bush-
els of Walnuts each, I guess we shall have a cracking time one
of these nights - I enclose ~~ten~~ dollars, which you may pay Mr.
Penly, if he will wait till into November for the balance - I have
some more on hand, to send next letter - if he will not wait for
you he may foreclose on the whole, & I will pay it all at
once - You may say to Mr. Conlon that he may have that
stone for \$7.40 - the amount of his adl I ran, & what Dothan
is to pay for him - If he takes it, I should like to know
if he depends on the Hathaway stove, besides -

Sab. 4 - I have been to a Methodist meeting this am. with
Rev. Mr. Whitney, & had a ser. from 10 min 40. 10 or they have singing in
old land style standing - There is a Methodist & Cong. meeting
in the am. of each Sunday 2 miles from here in New
Providence, where one 2 meeting-houses, 1 store & tavern
& a few shops & four houses, rather pleasant places -

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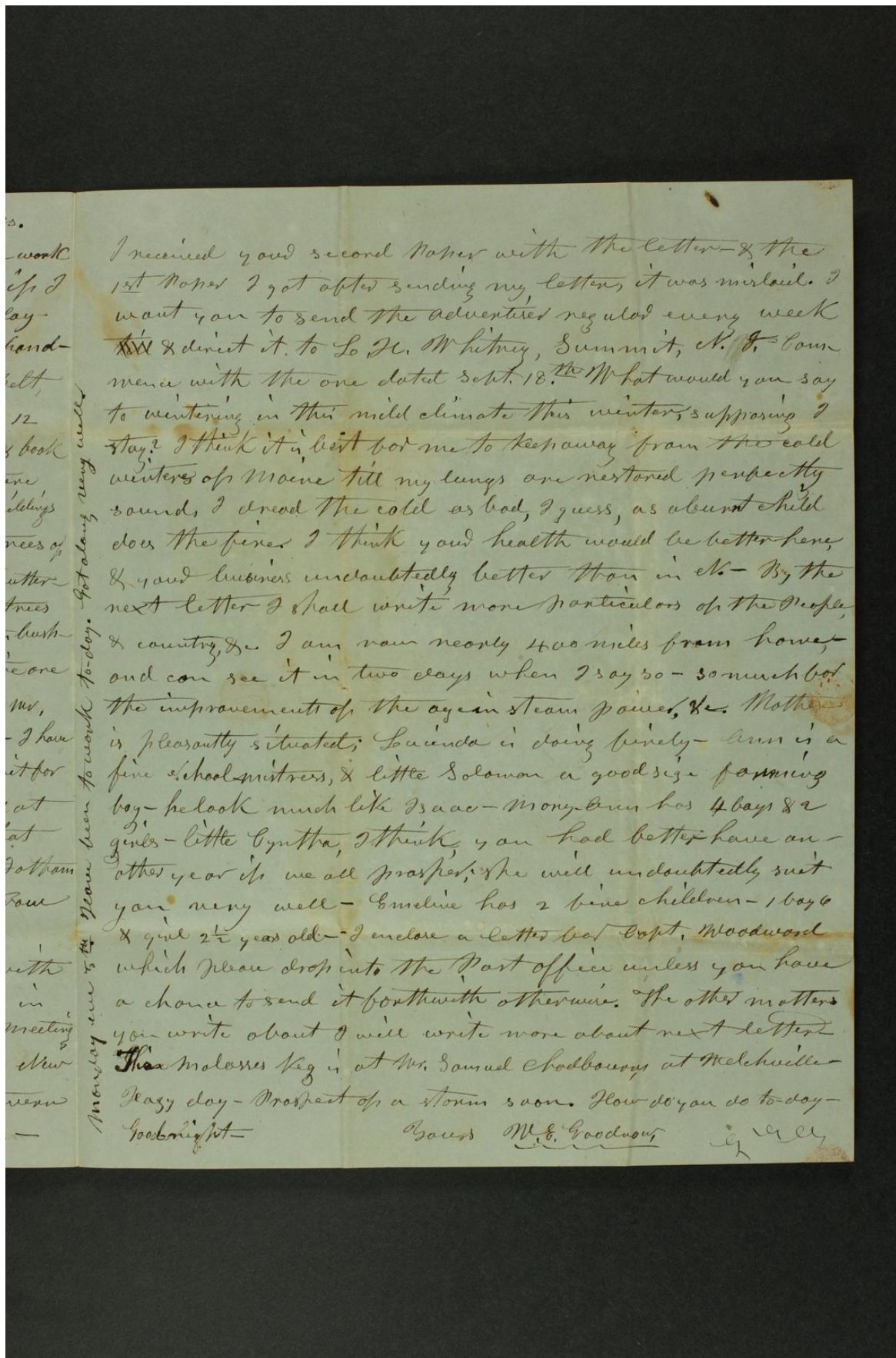
Monday am 5th year been to work today. Got along very well.

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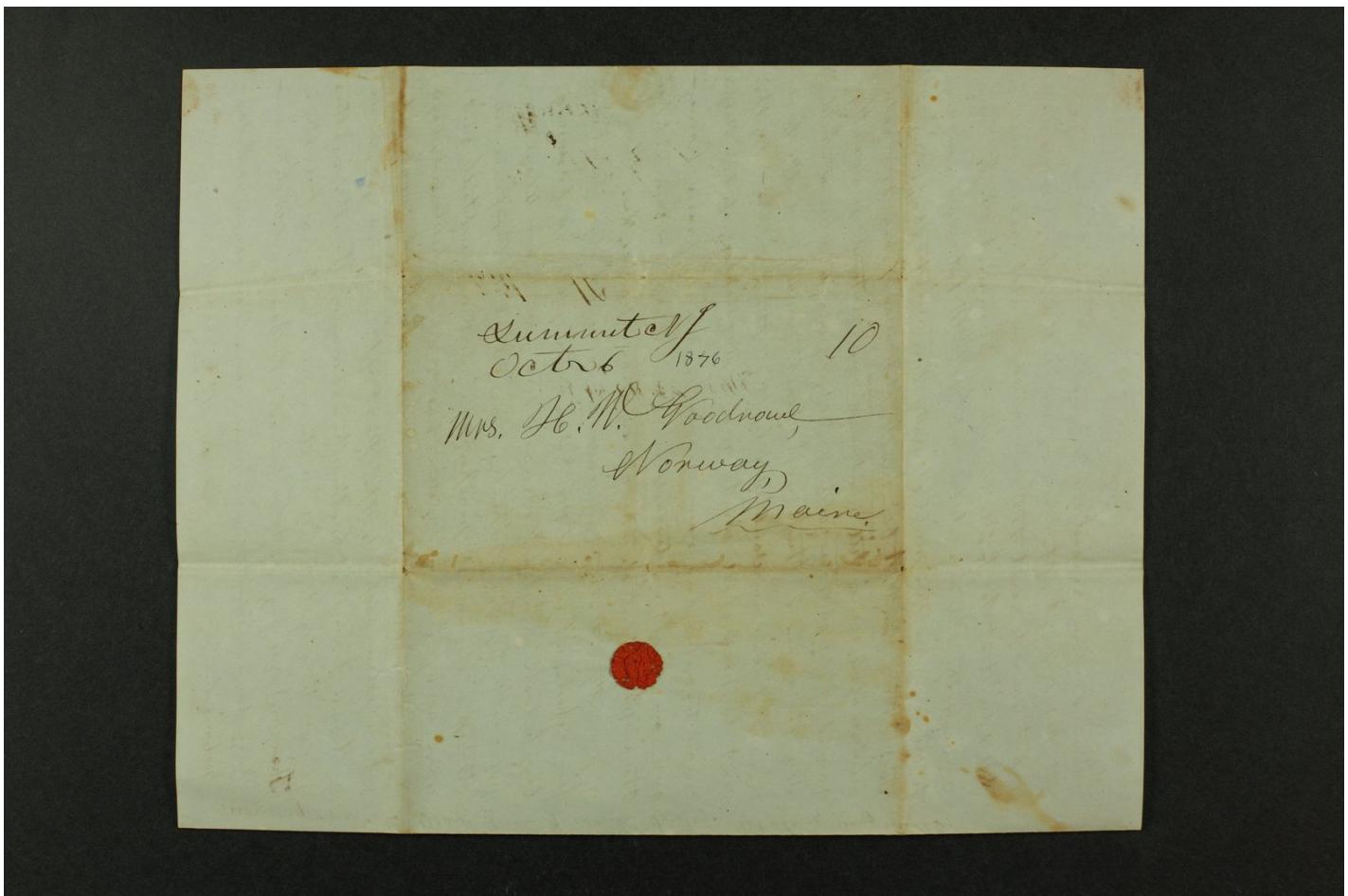
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Boston, Oct. 8th '36.

My dear Mrs. Goodnow.—

Although a long time, no me has elapsed since we have had communication;— still I trust there is no diminution of Friendship on your part for I can assure you there is none on mine but shall plead up an excuse for not writing before— business, and much company.

I received your affectionate letter in due time after date— and truly, it rejoiced me to read the outpourings of that affectionate heart, in which, I have now confided with so much satisfaction.

I was glad to hear you are enjoying so good a degree of health;— but it grieves me to know that you are lonely, and your heart made desolate— but can I, wonder? Oh! No. I can not wonder when I see so promising a But, torn by the ruthless hand of death from the parent stem; that the maternal bosom is left bleeding, and lacerated.— I am glad to hear you say in all your trouble, that there is love

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and, Mercy, attending, — for truly our Father who is all Love would not chastise us unless to display these attributes of his nature and to teach us from whence we derive all our gifts, and that they must go from whence they came to reap a richer reward, than we with all our love could ever bestow.

I know of no consolation to offer you but to lay hold of the promises given you by your heavenly Parent, and think she was too good to bloom in this wicked world — that your loss is her eternal gain — and that she is transplanted to a fairer Climate, where the frost of death can never enter, and when you will soon join her, in all the perfection of divine wisdom.

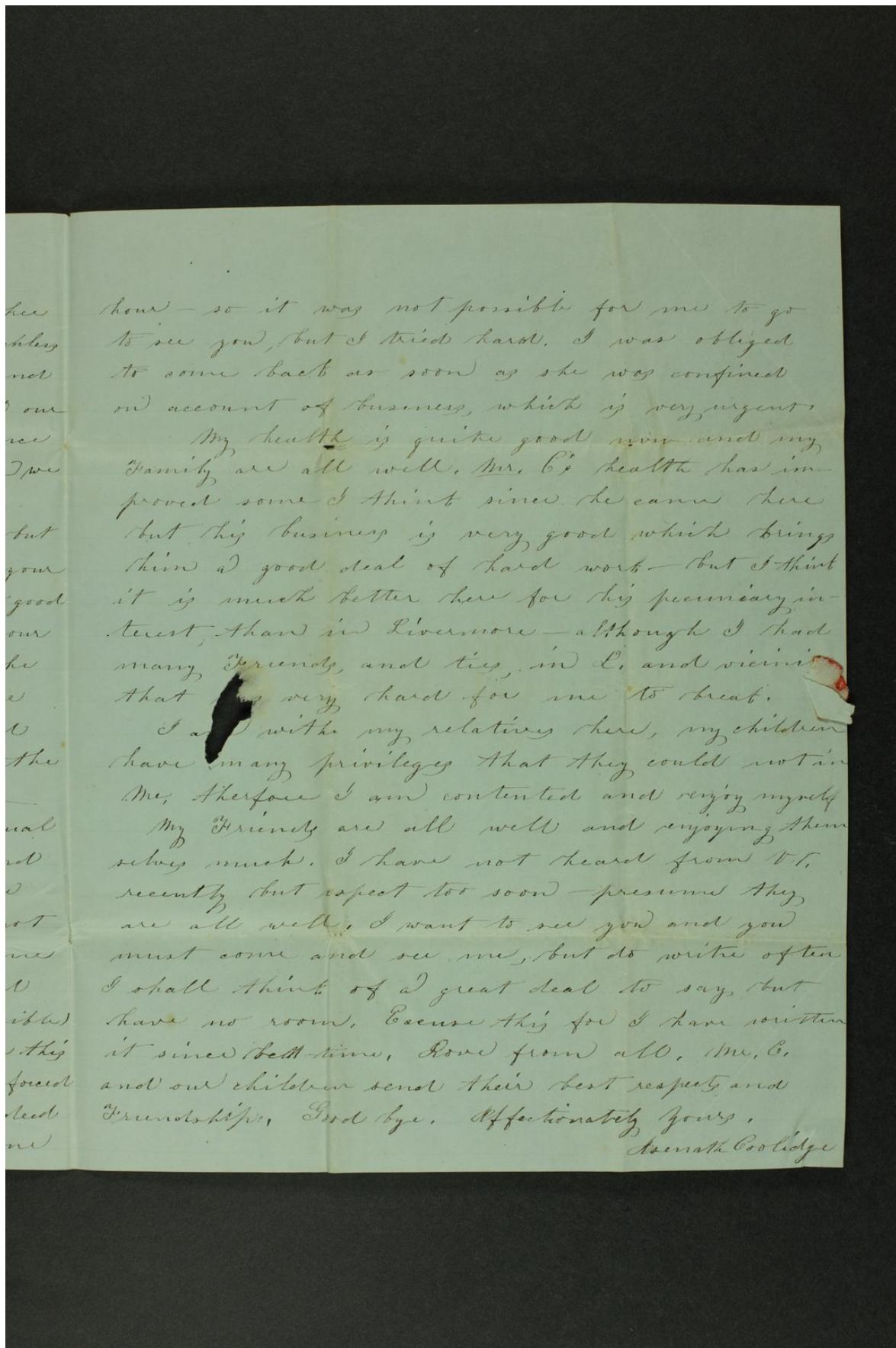
Your wishes to see me cannot quail mine to have a meeting with you and a renewal of former times — but we are now far apart — but I trust it will not long be so — I hope to see you here some time to enjoy yourself first rate — and whenever I go to Mer, I intend (if possible) to go and see you. Diana sent for me this fall about a week before she was sick and forced me to go — but my health was very poor indeed and she would not let me leave her one

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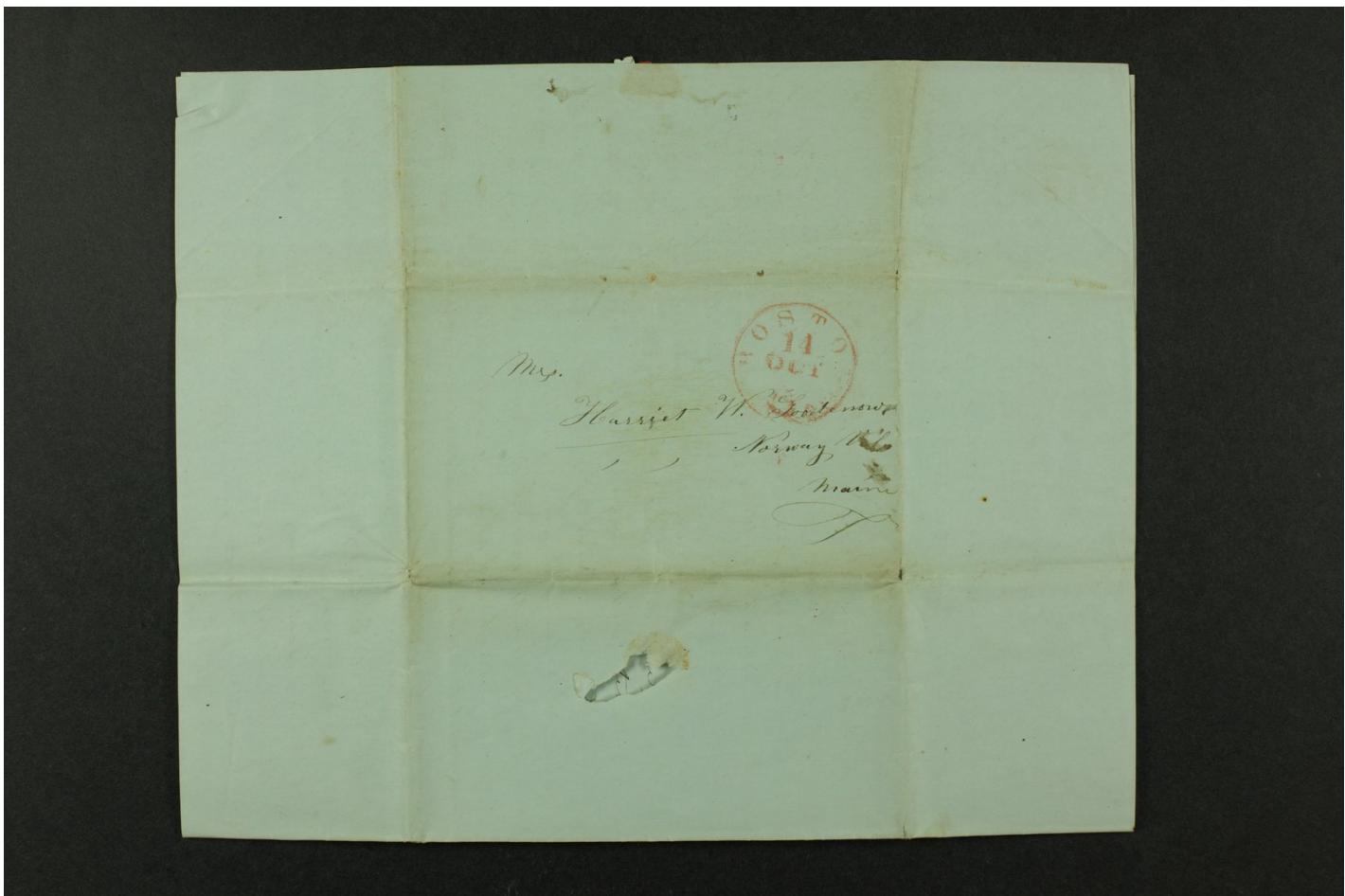
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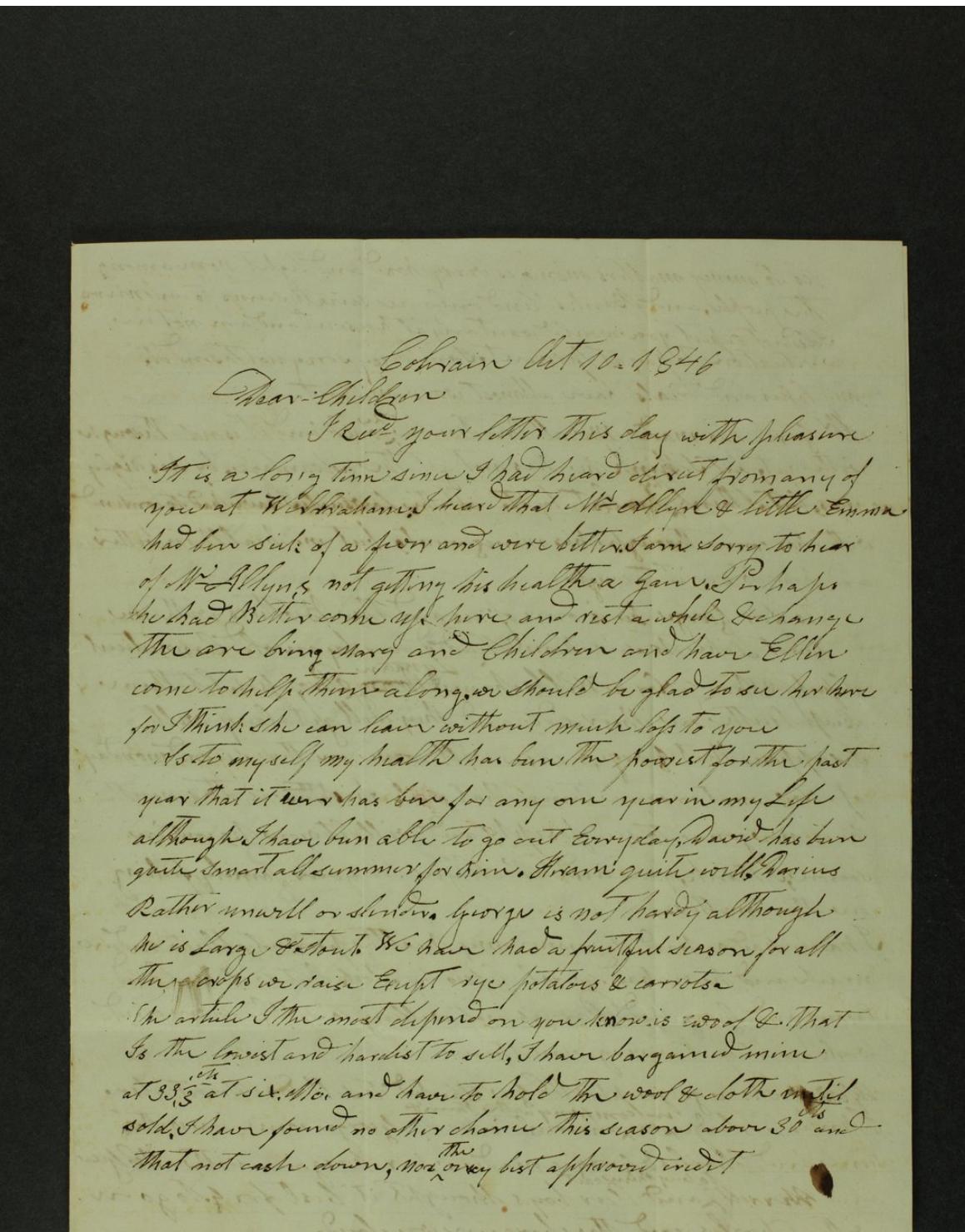


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As to money matters money is very hard and tight now among the people, and Banks lend only in small sums to customers. I do not expect you would want any at present and am not in a situation to pay at present. I am very sorry not to send it, my losses and trials have almost worn me out.

W. Gore has made us all the trouble ^{he} could and it is not through with yet, but I think he has not got the advantages by his uglyness, but I think ^{he} has lost by it, all the lawsuits I have had to contend with has come through his management, but my health is better and hope to see it through.

As for George he is one of us and the Brothers with me do not like to see him ^{slated} over by an old Cominical Deputy Sheriff, nor a Wilkesham ^{Lyman} Lawyer, let them keep truth on their side and they will get along well. I suppose that Georges case will come on the second Monday of Nov. or some time that week which ^{is} the ninth. He is now gone to see Joseph and will sit upon him in season & thank you and Mr. Allyn for your family feeling in this matter.

I have had a hard summer my health poor not able to endure much and have had several losses by stock but so it is. Land enough and George and Davis not willing to settle down and work on it if it were given them.

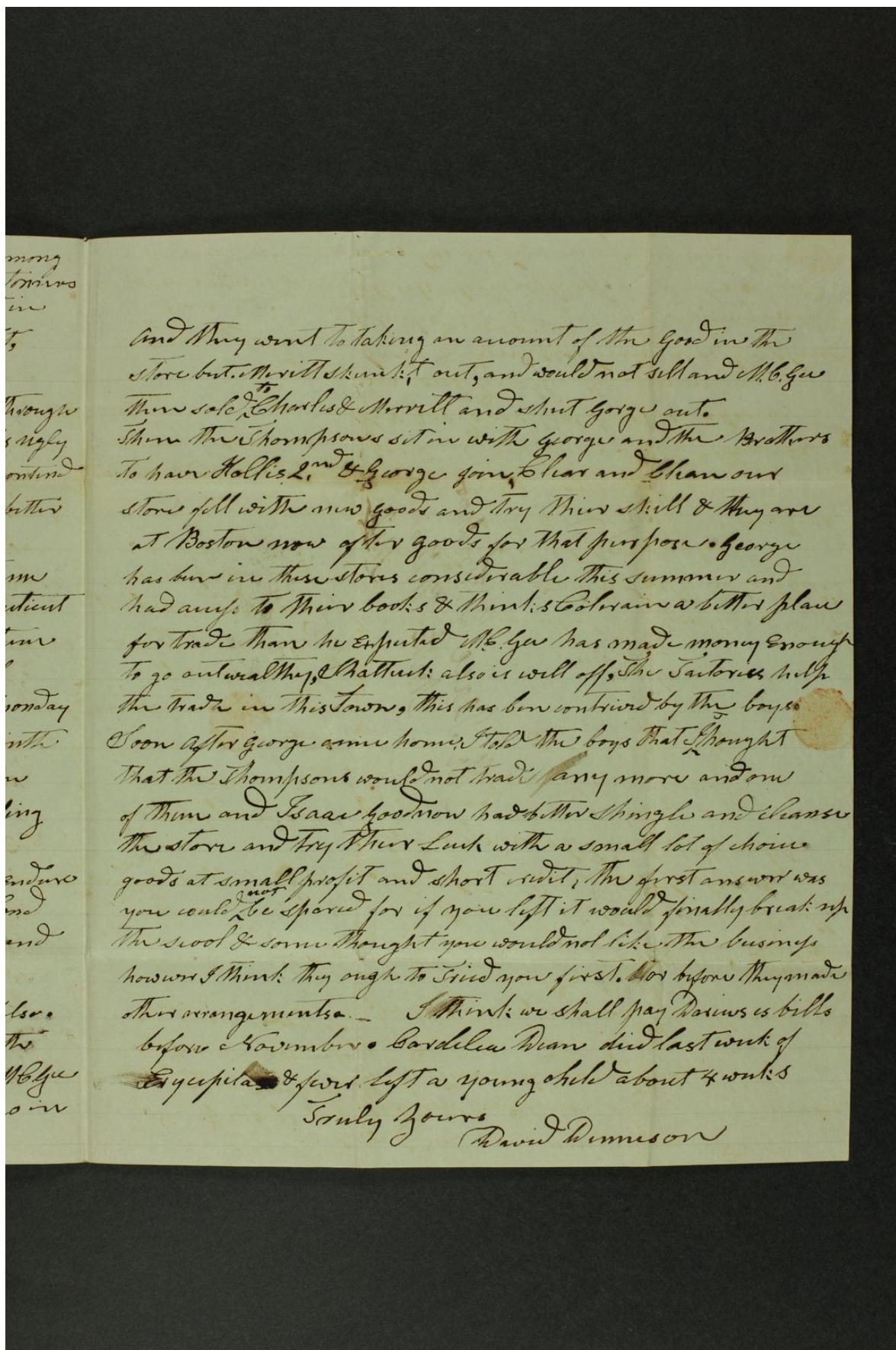
After weeks ago Joseph & W. Gore wanted to sell the Mount also. Charles Coolidge ^{in company with the others} anxious to have George come in with him and Charles & George made a fair bargain with Wolfe and Herrell ^{to buy the wood} and our boys thought it best for us to go in with Charles and the bargain was closed.

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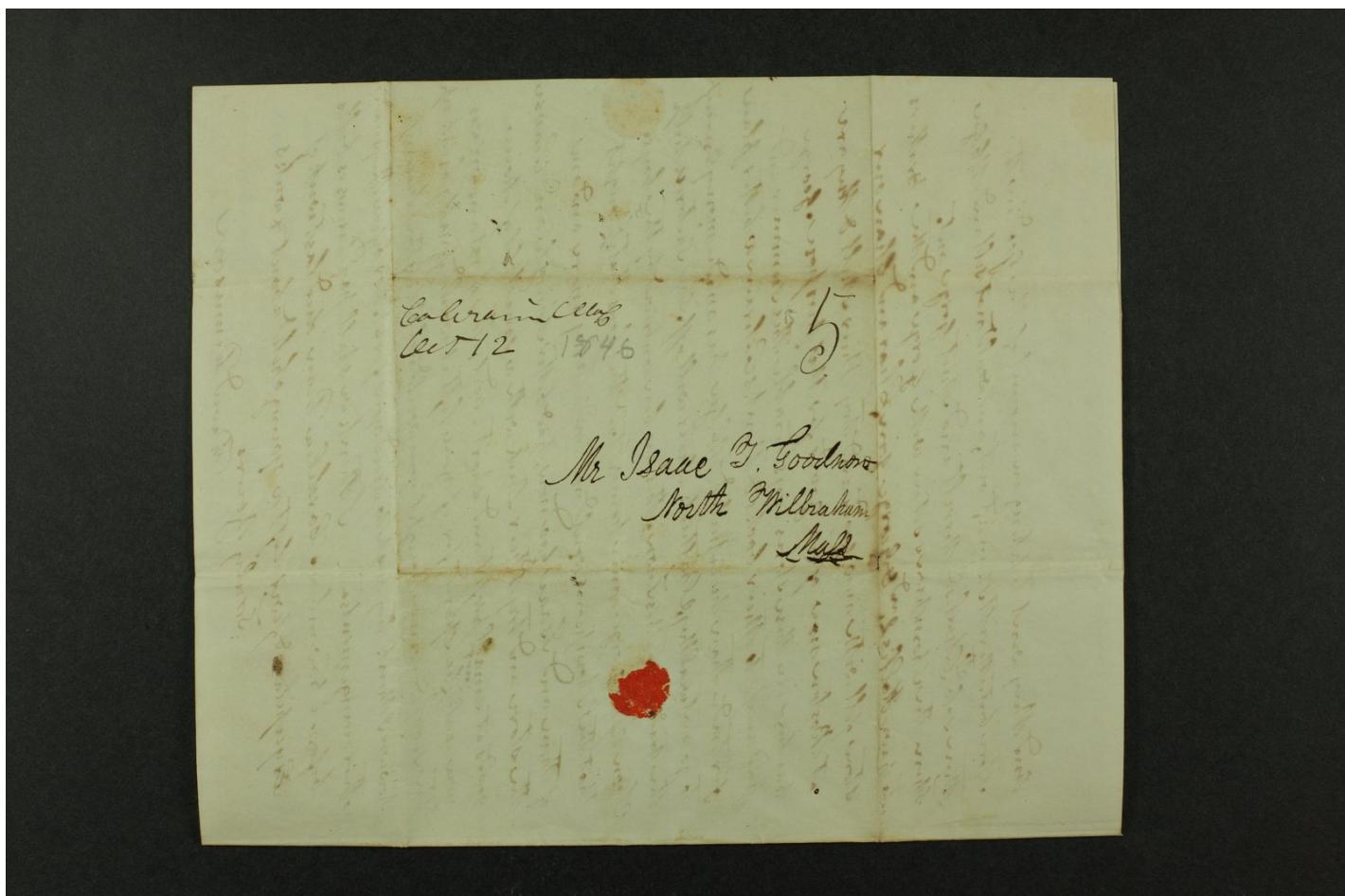
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Summit, N.Y. Nov. 4th 1846

My Dear Sister - I have written you two letters since receiving one from you, and I will now commence a third, hoping before I finish it, to receive one from you; - I have received two papers, with well on them, - (glad to hear so much) if so, why don't you write? It commenced raining here last Saturday P.M., & ceased this P.M. & we have had a great rain - presume you Danon East folks are favored with as much. How do you get along - how is Mr. M., Mrs. M., Miss Bowland, Mrs. Nayer, family, Esq. Whitman, &c &c on, &c &c on. You say that the boys and Mr. Nayer have not paid their rent yet - you better call on them for it, & have the use of the money or make them pay the interest from the end of each quarter. I want you to get the Life Insurance application in the top drawer in the right hand part of my desk, and sign it & have Miss Bowland certify to what I have named there for her to sign - you will probably understand it, & when it is done, please hand the application to Mr. James N. Hale, to see if it will be accepted & when it is, & the Policy is received by Mr. Hale, let me know & I will provide the wherewithal to pay for it after I know ~~about~~ the fact. I paid my assessment, & it is endorsed onto the Policy - so I feel easy about it of course, live or die. What is Mr. Soule about now, & how many scholars has he? Has John Richardson & Maria Millett wrote any letter to me? If so, how

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much & how good and in what condition? I want John Richardson to let me have 40 or 50 lbs. that is just down solid, & sweet & nice, & I will pay him the market price now, & I shall have it sent to Mrs. Strickland, as soon as I ascertain about it. I think Mr. Baumg will be able, with the money I send him ^{this month}, to raise enough on his stock to pay Mr. Millett, & I hope to help to all the balance by spring. I think some one will advance Mr. Baumg. say \$50-80 that he will close his payment on my account - that is, what belongs to me to pay. If I recollect right, it is not far from \$100 in all that belongs to me to pay. I wish you would ascertain from Mr. Young & let me know by next letter. Well, my means are now growing, so to work up these things. I enclose a letter for Mr. Williams & wish you to put in ^{mail} ~~as forward~~ him by first safe conveyance & have it put onto my note.

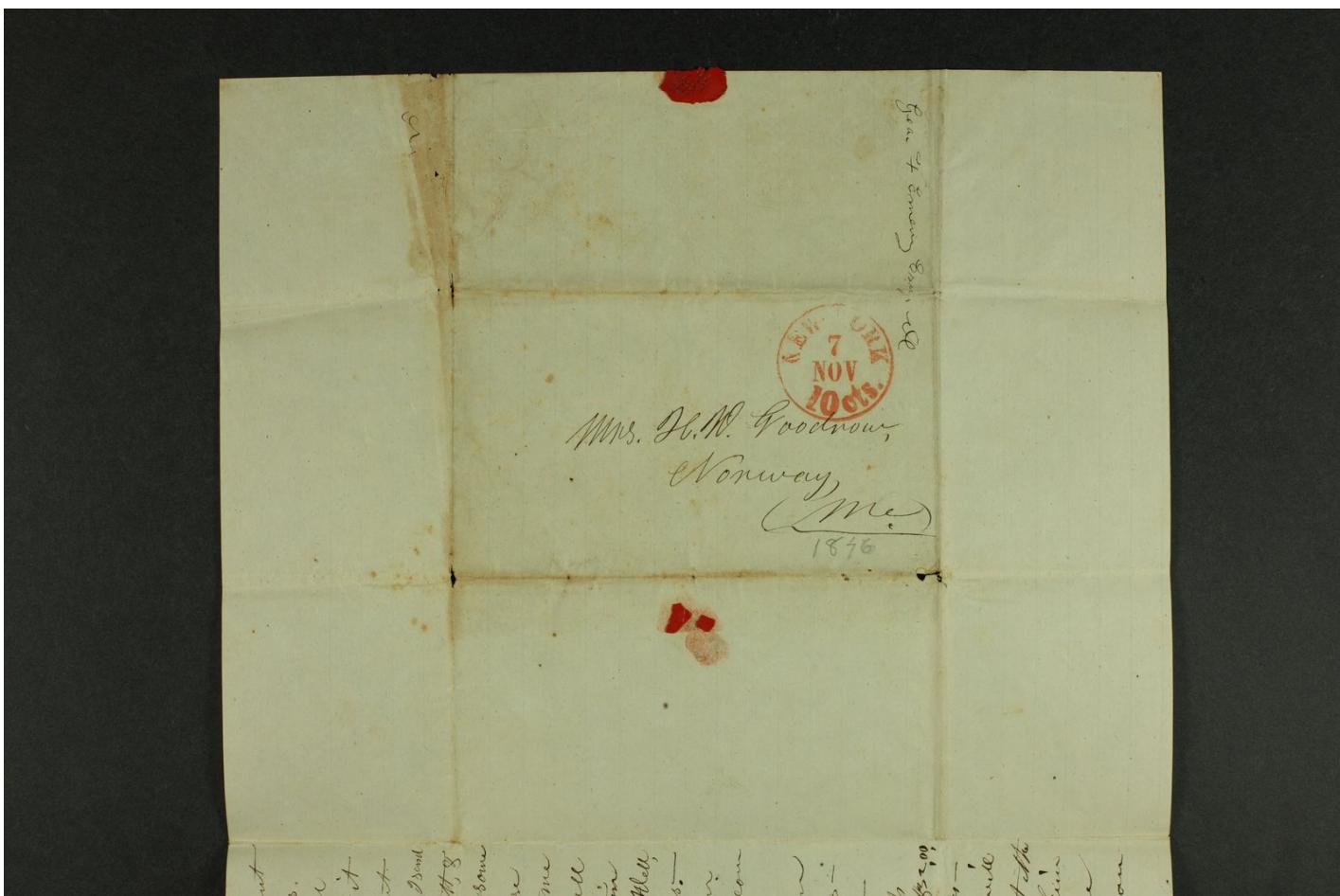
Fri. morning 6- Your letter came this morning, & I am sorry so much trouble comes along as it does; however, things will work well eventually - Enclose the money to complete the taking up of Mr. Blake's note on Mr. Young - send him \$2,00. He may perhaps be at Covington when this arrives - if not send it to Wauktant, & say to him - all will be right about the small note. When you get the note, send it to John Southwick & have him get up my papers from Dr. Blake. I have written him. - No more now will send another next week. - Yours & W. G.

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